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Applicant(s): Dirk Inze et al.

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**For: METHOD AND MEANS FOR
MODULATING PLANT CELL
CYCLE PROTEINS AND THEIR
USE IN PLANT CELL GROWTH
CONTROL**

Dated: February 27, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND 1.143**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, claims reciting the subject matter of Group - VI: a plant cell which overexpresses an E2FA transgene and a DPa transgene, a plant or part thereof comprising said plant cells, progeny, and plant material. Applicants also submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 1-22 without prejudice, and adding Claims 23-38.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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